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HAPPY BIRTHDAY! (When is Your Birthday?)

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| November 1 | Carol Kuwada | Denver |
| November 2 | Lois Kitagawa | Granada |
| November 11 | Mrs. O. F. Litsey | Downey, Calif. |
| November 13 | Fujiye Ishibashi | Rohwer |
| November 11 | Masao Nerio | Provo, Utah |
| November 21 | Emiko Furuya | Rohwer |
| November 24 | Miriam Minamoto | New York City |
| November 24 | Kanji Omokawa | Rohwer |
| November 28 | Shigeru Fujita | Chicago |

DEAR Friends:

PRAYER: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we give thee thanks for Thy constant care over our flock. Be with all those loved ones who are away from home and help them to feel thy Presence. Come into our hearts Lord Jesus, today. Hasten the day, we pray Thee, when peace may come upon this earth again. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done upon earth as it is in heaven. This we pray together in Jesus' name. Amen.

The outward trek of the evacuees from this camp continues and has whittled the population figure to less than 7000 now. However, sun-tanned farm laborers from seasonal work in Michigan and other Central states are beginning to come back to their barrack homes. The impending cold weather has already slowed down relocation movement. And of course, those who hold property and investment in California are waiting anxiously until the military ban is lifted from the Pacific Coast.

We are certainly grateful to the many organizations, particularly the church groups, that are working unceasingly to overcome unthinking prejudice and bring about fair-minded public sentiment. You constitute the type of fellow citizens that bolsters our faith in democracy. You may not realize it, but you are helping to boost morale of the evacuees who are within the confines of these relocation camps. These reassuring deeds calls out the best in us to be worthy of your full confidence.

Until recently, the beautiful yellow golden-rods have blossomed profusion along the railroad tracks on the eastern border of our Camp. The Master Painter of the Universe has taken His brush in hand and is adding touch of autumn colors to trees in this wooded section. The "chug-chug" rhythm of the cotton gin is heard from nearby Rohwer.

Mornings are crispy and calls for our sweaters. Lumberjacks are hauling in logs into the thirty-three various blocks. A power buzz saw is brought into a local block. After breakfast, some healthy blows are struck on the dinner gong. Yes, by this time men (and some blocks, women, too, because of manpower shortage) have joined the cooperative movement to feed logs to the whirling, saw-dust throwing singing machine.

Farm trucks are laden with icicle radishes and chards as they back into the mess-hall commissary. Out here in Arkansas, I had the unique experience of going out into the watermelon patch and plucking the melons from the vines in the heat of summer afternoon. For some reason, which may be no reason at all, residents are still rushing through their meals in the mess-halls. High school lads are much ado about football. On the athletic field, girls are seen in formation practicing the swinging of baton to martial music.

The chairman of our Ministers' Council is Dr. S. K. Hata of Stockton Presbyterian Church; Rev. Y. Sasaki of Florin Methodist, is Japanese Secretary while I have charge of English correspondence; other members are: Dr. W. Maxfield

Garrott, Southern Baptist; Adjt. T. Hirahara, Stockton Salvation Army; Rev. M.Kakihara, Southern Baptist; and Rev. K. T. Shiraishi, Gardena Baptist. We have just observed the second anniversary of camp and church life. The Rohwer Christian Mission will be held from Sunday, November 5-Thursday, November 9 this year.Dr.Hachiro Yuasa and Rev. Hilda Ives, both of whom were delegates to the world Missionary Conference at Madras in 1936 will be the speakers.

The other evening, we were invited over to the home of a former missionary to Japan, who is working with us here. We were having the deliberations of a Nisei church board meeting and in a serious mood, I said, "now, brother Garrott..." Then our Bette Ishibashi Kira hastily interrupted me by injecting: ...."Don't say brother Garrott. Say Maxfield or Max or Dr. Garrott but NOT "brother Garrott".So I calmly replied "all right, sister Kira!" Then the young people roared and quieting down was necessary in respect to the family across the partition. If you want to get in good humor with Bette, Please call her "sister Kira" henceforth.

Oh-oh! after writing the above, I realized that Bette will be cutting the stencils for me and I hope that she stays in good humor because I don't want it "blue-penciled". (I received such wonderful letter from Tom this morning I could not help but be in good humor so hence I shall leave the above paragraph to satisfy "Ole Harp."..by Bette).

Her husband Tom N. Kira is now in France but while in Italy, he thoughtfully sent her many souvenirs made out of alabaster. Her sister Mabel Nakamura is working in the beauty shop here. Tom Nakamura, Noboru Ishibashi, Duke Takemoto,Mr. T. Ogawa, Shigeru Fujita and Tim Nabara are working in Chicago. Rosie Matsumoto is still working as secretary in the University of Chicago's Zoology department while her sister Iris is with an advertizing firm and is studying evenings at the Chicago Art Institute. Mihoko Murakami is in cadet nurse training and Shizuko, her sister, is with the Downtown Y. W. C. A., Chicago. Their brother Tomomi graduated with honors from Swarthmore College and is working on the campus there. Both J.Nishiura and my sister are working at the Steven's Hotel in Chicago. Jerry is becoming a culinary artist. The Windy City has also attracted the Ikegami and Suzukawa families for they have pulled stakes from here.

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Dear friends in Arkansas:

Greetings from sunny California without the sun. It is just 10:25 this Friday morning and while I toast my toes by the fire, I'll visit with you on paper.

Our recent heavy fogs make our nights and mornings uncomfortably cold. The sun comes out about 11 o'clock.

I want to thank you kind friends for the lovely birthday card signed by so many and if you could have seen me read and re-read all those names I believe you would each feel repaid for your kind thoughtfulness and effort. I believe it meant more to me than you realize..... I want to thank each one of you personally. It was a real treat to see Jimmy Ige's signature and gave Mr. Scott and I a good laugh... When we used to go by their home to gather up the children to take them to Sunday School, little Jimmy would take refuge at the corner of the barn and risk peaking at us until we started to drive away and then he would run boldly out to wave "good bye" when he felt it was perfectly safe.... We drive past the former homes of many of you occasionally and also, the dear little church. Each place reminds us of our happy days together .... I thank my Lord often that those of you who found Him and accepted Him as Saviour have remained true to Him thru the trials of the past two years. He always remains true to those who trust Him will answer your prayers in due time.

Mr. Scott joins me in kindest regards to each and every one of our dear friends there. May God bless and keep you until we meet again.

(Ed. note: Mrs. Scott sent some snapshots of our church. Do you want one?)

Lovingly,
Mrs. Scott
3230 Euclid Avenue; Lynwood, California

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Dear Harper:

.....Came across Tommy Kimura in July somewhere in New Guinea. He had acquired a nice tan and a dark good looking mustache... Though the problems of war are paramount in our minds for the present, I find time on Sundays to attend church service. We soldiers find solace in spending an hour or so in Christian fellowship, although worship is carried out in a crude hut.

Please extend my warmest regards to the members of our church. I'll be delighted to hear from any of the members.

Most sincerely,

(James is "somewhere in Netherlands East Indies")

S-Sgt. James Sasano
HQ., 41st Inf. Div.; A. P. O. 41
% P. M. San Francisco, California

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Dr. Joseph B. Hunter and family left for Indianapolis, Indiana to take up new work with the Disciples of Christ National Headquarters, in the field of peace and racial understanding. We miss them greatly here. The Rev. Yoshimatsu A. Oyama

(Free Methodist), relocated with his family to Chicago where he is now active in ministry. After a brief stay, and having come here from Jerome center, the Rev. Shinpachi Kanow went to St. Paul, Minnesota to attend Macalester College. Congratulations to you, Shinpachi and best wishes, Shige Matsuyama Kanowi upon the happy occasion of your wedding. Recently, he lost his father and the young couple hurried down to this center.

Acknowledgements: Jack and Evelyn Gordon of San Diego; Alice Bixby of Cheyenne, Wyoming; Mildred Cummings of Altadena; Alice Imamoto of Oberlin, (for postage etc.) Mrs. Antoinette Brooks of Rockford, Illinois (clothes) and Josephine Johnson of Berkeley, California (S. S. Literature).

First Baptist, Sunland, California; First Baptist, Berkeley, California. Calvary Baptist, Denver and Dr. Frank B. Fagerburg, Los Angeles (Church bulletins). Thank you kindly.

The J. B. C. Journal (news of Seattle Baptists) says that Rev. Emery Andrews has made 36 trips to Seattle in two years. He is rendering great service to the evacuees with church work at Minidoka. Tsutomu Fukuyama spent his vacation at Northern Baptist Assembly grounds in Green Lake, Wisconsin. Chiaki Kuzuhara has moved to Chicago. The stamp collecting bug has severely bit Donald Toriumi at Heart Mountain. Lester Suzuki continually speaks to local churches in DesMoines area and is helping relocated Niseis. About 200 Niseis attend the evening services of First Baptist, Chicago where Jitsuo Morikawa is assistant to Dr. Titus. Akira Kuroda will graduate from Wheaton in January. Yutaka Nakagawa is working at Dayton, Ohio. Shunji Nishi is rendering fine service in Cleveland with Victor Fujui. Victor is leading the Niseis at First Methodist church.

Clearwater (and affiliated) boys in U. S. Army:

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| Chikami, Minoru | (Fort Riley, Kansas) |
| Fujikawa, Hiroshi | (Camp Shelby, Mississippi) |
| Fujikawa, Chuck Y. | (Fort Meade, Maryland) |
| Fukushima, Tadao | (Fort Snelling, Minnesota) |
| Furuya, Kazuo | (Fort Snelling, Minnesota) |
| Hirami, Kenneth | (Camp Blanding, Florida) |
| H orikiri, Takayuki | (Fort McClellan, Alabama) |
| ~~Hoshi, Ted~~ | ~~(Camp Reynolds, Pennsylvania)~~ |
| Igo, Masao Fred | (Camp Blanding, Florida) |
| Imaizumi, Ken | (overseas, Pacific area) |
| Kadowaki, Joe | (Camp Blanding, Florida) |
| Kinoshita, George | (Fort Snelling, Minnesota) |
| Kimura, Tommy | (overseas, Pacific area) |
| Kira, Tom N. | (overseas, France) |
| Kiyomura, Shigeru | (overseas, France or Italy) |
| McDougall, George | (AAFTTC, New Haven, Connecticut) |
| M atsuoka, Ken | (Warrenton, Virginia) |
| Sato, Lloyd | (overseas, Pacific area) |
| Sasano, James | (Netherlands East Indies) |
| Sechi, Masami Sam | (overseas, Italy) |
| Shimamoto, Kunio | (overseas, France) |
| Shimamoto, Tetsuo | (overseas, France) |
| Suzukawa, Fred F. | (Fort McClellan, Alabama) |
| Suzukawa, Harry | (Fort Snelling, Minnesota) |
| Suzukawa, Henry | (Bolling Field, D. C.) |
| Suzuki, Fred | (overseas, France or Italy) |
| Tagami, Ben | (Camp Blanding, Florida) |
| Uchizono, Taro | (Camp Shelby, Mississippi) |
| Yoshida, David (Gardena) | (Overseas, France) |
| Yoshida, Yoshio | (Camp Blanding, Florida) |

I'll be glad to give you addresses. Please write to the boys. Will you notify me of changes and additions?

S-Sgt. Sam Sechi, who recently underwent an appendectomy operation somewhere in Italy reports that Mrs. James Robertson and Mrs. O. F. Litsey are faithfully writing to him. Sam's address is Co., K; 442 nd Inf. Regt.; A. P. O. 464, % P. M.; New York City. Sgt. Tom Kira; Service Co. and Shigeru Kiyomura, Co. C may be reached at A. P. O. 758, % P. M.; New York City.

Dr. John A. Foote reported on his work among Japanese at the Colorado Baptist State Convention in Denver. He says, "We now have 13 stars on Brotherhood House flag. The Brighton Crusaders are making a flag for all the Niseis from hometown. I sent the Secret Place to all of them. We find that it is real evangelism to keep contact with the boys." Takashi and Yukiko Sanada, Yoshiko Kinoshita,

Grace and Toshiko Uchizono, Suzie Jow are among leaders in Brighton. The enthusiastic support of Dr. and Mrs. Foote, Rev. and Mrs. Ezra Duncan and Mr. and Mrs. John T. Horie is lending encouragement to their work.

Congratulations: to Harold and Kishiyo Kawano upon the birth of Roland Mamoru at Honolulu on July 25, 1944.

Ken and Lily Matsuoka are the proud parents of Karen Keiko at Virginia. The stork arrived on September 14, 1944.

"Nisei meetings have been started at Temple Baptist in K. C. on Sunday afternoons," writes Harry Murakami, student at Central Theological Seminary Masato Fujimoto and family members, Grace Ige, Minoru Fujita and Mary Wada are working in Cleveland, Ohio. Harry Takahama is at East Quad, University of Mich. Yoshio and Mary Tanabe transferred to Heart Mt., and Yoshio went out to Chicago. "The First Baptist Church where Rev.Morikawa is speaking is right across the road from where I live", says Harume Kajihara. George and Harue (Oshiro) Arakaki have been working on a Montana farm. Helen Ige is back at Oklahoma Baptist University, Satoshi and Takeshi Hayashida, Katsuki, Tadashi and Katsumi Murakami and Hideo Yabuki are busy on Colorado farms. Shigeko Horikiri recently relocated to Minn. Kay Nakashima is dietitian in our mess hall and her sister Frances is in Chicago.

Mrs. Betty Doheney, Postmaster and office force of Hynes Post Office, and C. N. Revis of Clearwater sends greetings. "May God bless you in the good work that you are doing and we join you in prayer that the day may speedily come when peace and good will may be with us again." writes Pastor Clarence E. Miller of Hynes Methodist Church.

"I miss the fine Nisei soldiers who worshipped with us in North Little Rock," writes pastor Thomas L. Harris now of Camden, Arkansas. (Ed. Note: Many Camp Robinson boys attended First Baptist, N.L.R.). Under his leadership as President, the Arkansas Baptist State Convention will meet in Little Rock, Nov. 14 to 16. Miss Margaret Hutchison has helped our evacuees to attend young people's summer assemblies. We are grateful for the opportunities to share our Christian experiences with our many Arkansas friends.

OUR PRAYER: Mike Masado Hirami passed away recently in New York City and the funeral service was held here on Tuesday, October 31. Our sympathy is extended to Tommy Hirami and his family.

I want to urge Colorado Baptist Niseis to attend the Young People's State Convention which will be held at the Calvary Baptist Church, 16th and Downing, Denver, November 24-26, 1944. You'll find a cordial welcome. I hope a large group of Brighton Crusaders will be there. The pastor, Dr. Henry G. Smith and my classmate, Rev. Paul Starring who is associate minister at Calvary Church are boosters for Brotherhood House, 1220 Corona Street, Denver. If you want housing with Christian atmosphere, call or write Dr. John Foote at the address given.

The other night,I sat across our mess table from Mrs.Hayashida at meal time. "When you get an opportunity, please convey my warm greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Litsey, Mr. and Mrs. Scott and friends back home," said she. Her son Frank is in my Sunday church school class.

Miss Amy Acock is helping church work in Poston where her sister Winifred is teaching in the schools. Miss Virginia Swanson is working in behalf of Niseis with the Detroit Church Federation. Sadaichi and Marian Asai are at Buffalo N.Y. Christian Center. Mr. and Mrs. Royal Fisher are visting Poston and California. Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Ross are busy taking care of evacuee houses and property in Gardena. Paul Nagano is doing fine work among Twin Cities Niseis while studying at Bethel Baptist Seminary in St. Paul.

Ted Hoshi has been transfered to Camp Barkeley, Texas and Tei has come home to Rohwer. We congratulate Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, principal of the Woman's Missionary Union Training School, Louisville, Kentucky upon recent honor conferred by Georgetown College. She is now Dr. Littlejohn. Bette will write an article in the next issue when she has sufficient time. So please look for it.

<u>New directory will be out next month. Please send us your latest address.</u>

Write to our soldiers. I have the addresses.

Cordially yours,

K. Harper Sakaue